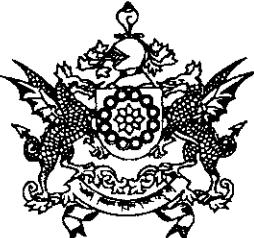


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**NOTIFICATION**

In pursuance to the directives of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India vide letter No. 17/6/2021-HSM dated 16.04.2021, the State Government is hereby pleased to constitute a State Level Special Task Force (STF) in order to eliminate Single Use Plastic and to prepare a comprehensive action plan in Mission mode, consisting of the following members as detailed under :-

<b>SPECIAL TASK FORCE (STF)</b>	
1. Chief Secretary	Chairman
2. Secretary-in-charge of Urban Development Department	Member
3. Secretary-in-charge of Rural Development Department	Member
4. Secretary-in-charge of Commerce and Industries Department	Member
5. Secretary-in-charge of Forest and Environment Department	Member
6. Secretary-in-charge of Education Department	Member
7. Secretary-in-charge of Information and Public Relations Department	Member
8. Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board	Member
9. State Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural)	Member Secretary
10. State Mission Director, Swachh Bharat Mission (Urban)	Member Secretary

The Chairman has been empowered to co-opt members.

**Terms of reference of the Special Task Force shall be:-**

1. To prepare a comprehensive action plan for implementation of Plastic Waste Management Rules (PWMR), 2016 and phasing out of Single Use Plastic (SUP) with identified activities and timelines.
2. To assess plastic waste generated in Sikkim in terms of collection, recycling, disposal and identifying gaps.

3. To strengthen regulatory mechanisms/structures for implementation of PWMR, 2016 and phasing out SUP including allocation of financial resources for Plastic Waste Management.
4. To take measures for effective enforcement of PWMR, 2016 as well as ban imposed on identified SUP items.
5. To develop policies for supporting adoption of alternatives to SUP.
6. To take measures in order to strengthen the Urban Local Bodies for segregation, collection, storage, transportation, processing and disposal of plastic waste.
7. To take measures for effective monitoring of implementation of PWMR, 2016.
8. To prepare a road map for awareness on PWM and reduction of use of SUP items.
9. To develop strategies for public movement/mitigation of plastic pollution involving education institutions, NGOs, NSS, NCC, etc.
10. The Special Task Force shall convene meeting once in every two months.

**By Order.**

**S.C. Gupta, IAS  
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Government of Sikkim  
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